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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS PLEASED WITH ISRAELI DISSENT AND

- SADAT PROPOSALS

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SUMMARY. BY CAREFUL SELECTION, CAIRO PRESS FEBRUARY 18 CONVEYS CONFIDENCE THAT TREND OF EVENTS FAVORS SADAT. HIGHLIGHTED ARE RABIN/YADIN CRITICISM OF BEGIN, SADAT CONDITIONS FOR DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND SIGNIFICANCE OF U.S. ARMS TO EGYPT. END SUMMARY.

1. ISRAELI DISSENT. CAIRO PRESS FEBRUARY 18 HEADLINES

RABIN'S CRITICISM OF BEGIN'S STANCE ON PEACE INITIATIVE. RABIN REPORTEDLY TERMED BEGIN'S POLICY "CHILDISH DIPLOMACY", MOST PARTICULARLY HIS EFFORT DEFEND SETTLEMENTS ON BASIS INTERNATIONAL LAW. RABIN ACCUSED BEGIN OF FAILING UNDERSTAND AMERICAN POLICY. PAPERS ALSO QUOTE YADIN AS SAYING BEGIN'S SETTLEMENT POLICY GIVES WORLD IMPRESSION THAT ISRAEL PREFERS TERRITORY TO PEACE.

2. SADAT'S PROPOSAL. "FONMIN SOURCE" BRIEFED PRESS ON SADAT'S RECENT MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. REPORTEDLY, SADAT STRESSED DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES MUST BE SPECIFIC: CLARITY REQUIRED TO PREVENT ISRAEL FROM DODGING COMMITMENTS THEREAFTER. SADAT REPORTEDLY TOLD CARTER DECLARATION MUST CONTAIN FOLLOWING POINTS: RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION (IN UN SUPERVISED REFERENDUM) AND ISRAELI COMMITMENT WITHDRAW FROM WEST BANK, GAZA AND ARAB JERUSALEM. SOURCE STATED EGYPT WANTS ACTIVE AMERICAN ROLE; USG SHOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH ISRAEL TO CARRY OUT WHAT AMERICA ITSELF BELIEVES ON WITHDRAWAL, SETTLEMENTS, AND PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION.

3. ATHERTON. SAME SOURCE TOLD REPORTERS EGYPT AGREED HAVE ATHERTON BEGIN TRAVELS IN ISRAEL (ON FEBRUARY 20) IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ISRAELI STANCE TOWARDS DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES (PARTICULARLY SETTLEMENT ISSUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND SELF-DETERMINATION) HAS CHANGED.

4. ARMS. FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY OSAMA EL BAZ STATED FEBRUARY 17 THAT U.S. DECISION SUPPLY EGYPT WITH SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS HAS POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE EQUAL TO MILITARY IMPACT. FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, HE SAID, U.S. WILL BE SUPPLYING SUCH WEAPONS TO ARAB FRONT LINE. AMERICAN DECISION, HE CONCLUDED, REFLECTS MORE EVEN-HANDED APPROACH BASED ON CHANGE IN U.S. PUBLIC OPINION. U.S. IN FUTURE WILL PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IMPLEMENTING ITS INDEPENDENT VISION AND PROTECTING AMERICA'S OWN INTEREST IN AREA.

5. ABOUREZK. PRESS REPORTS, WITHOUT COMMENT, CONCLUSIONS OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, HEADED BY SENATOR JAMES ABOUREZK, ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENT POLICY. REPORT SAID TO BE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF ISRAELI PRACTICES. EILTS

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